(d) whether it is also a fact that foreign companies have offered to take over some of the sick textile units ; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY) : (a) and (b) Govt. would welcome any viable proposal for cooperativisation of NTC and other private sector textile mills. A number of discussions have been held with Labour Unions and many of the doubts have been clarified. However, no concrete proposals have been received.

(c) Govt. have approved a turn around strategy for NTC mills. The key elements of the strategy for rationalisation of surplus workforce through implementation of Voluntary Retirement Scheme, modernisation of mills under NTC, financial and managerial re-structuring etc. For the rationalisation of surplus workers/staff, the financial requirement has been estimated at Rs. 689 crores covering 79,982 workers|staff. For modernisation the requirements are Rs. 532 crores. However, in case of private sector textile mills, financial and other requirements will be worked out on receiving concrete proposal.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Hike in pices of Staple Fibre

2708. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the producers of fibers have resorted to price hike in viscose staple fibre (VSF) and polyester staple fibre (PSF);

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the extent of price hike resorted to during the last five years;

(c) the reaction of Indian spinners association (ISA) thereto; and

(d) what are the details of measures taken|proposed to be taken to regulate prices of viscose staple fibre and polyester staple fibre to protect the interest of consumers ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY) : (a) and (b) The current weighted average price of Viscose Staple Fibre and Polyester Staple Fibre is Rs. 61.56 per Kg. and Rs. 76.54 pre Kg. respectively as against Rs. 33.43 and 83.28 per Kg. prevailing in March, 1989.

(c) The user industry of Viscose and Polyester Staple Fibres including Indian Spinners Associated have been emphasing the need for downward revision of both Viscose and Polyester Staple Fibre prices.

(d) The prices of man-made fibres|yarns including Viscose Staple Fibre and Polyester Staple Fibre are primarily governed by the demand, supply market forces. However, in order to regulate the prices of these fibres/yarns, Govt. have from time to time taken various policy initiatives such as liberalisation of industrial policy to encourage creation of fresh capacity rationalisation of fiscal levies, etc. of man-made fibres|yarns.

अन्य क्षेत्रों की तुलना में विद्युत चालित करघा क्षेत्र में कपड़े का उत्पादन

2709. **श्री राम जेठमलानी :**

श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज :

क्या वस्त्र मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि देश में अन्य क्षेत्रों की तुलना में विद्युत चालित करघा क्षेत्र में कपड़े का वार्षिक उत्पादन सबसे अधिक होता है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो कपड़े के कुल उत्पादन में से इस क्षेत्र में कपड़े के उत्पादन का प्रतिशत कितना है;

(ग) क्या सरकार ने इस क्षेत्र में उद्योग को बढ़ावा देने की दृष्टि से आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान उद्यमियों को वित्तीय सहायता के रूप में कोई धनराशि निर्धारित की है;